

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends  
4 of Donald W. Clark, who passed away on April 4, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Donald W. Clark was born on August 31, 1925, in  
6 Geneva, Illinois, to William H. "Scoop" and Stella Clark; he  
7 was a lifelong Batavia resident, where he attended Batavia  
8 High School; he also attended the Missouri School of Mines in  
9 Columbia, Missouri, and Bradley University in Peoria,  
10 Illinois; and he proudly served with the United States Army  
11 during World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, Donald Clark joined the family's car business in  
13 1946; by 1950, the business became Avenue Chevrolet; under  
14 his leadership, Donald Clark brought Avenue Chevrolet to new  
15 heights of success, which included moving the dealership  
16 from its crowded downtown site at the corner of Batavia  
17 Avenue and Houston Street out west to Randolph Road, just  
18 prior to the commercial development explosion on Randolph  
19 Road that followed; on September 25, 2000; he celebrated his  
20 50th year as a Chevrolet dealer; and

21 WHEREAS, Donald Clark was known as a leader in the  
22 Batavia community, not only as a business leader but also for  
23 his other contributions to his community; he was a member of  
24 Bethany Lutheran Church, the Masonic Lodge, Batavia #404 AF &  
25 AM, Scottish Rite, Valley of Freeport, Shriner of the Tebala  
26 Temple in Rockford, the Batavia Shriners, American Legion  
27 Post #504, the Batavia VFW Post #1197, a member of the  
28 Batavia Rotary, and a Paul Harris fellow; he served on the  
29 Batavia Library Board for 18 years, the Batavia Planning  
30 Commission, and as president of the Batavia Chamber of  
31 Commerce; he was a life member of the Batavia Historical  
32 Society and a member of the BOYES Club; and

1           WHEREAS, Donald Clark shared a deep interest in Batavia's  
2 development and progress; in addition, he enjoyed traveling,  
3 the morning coffee hour at The Elms in Batavia, fishing trips  
4 to Canada and Wisconsin, playing golf, reading, and playing  
5 bridge; he was also an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears  
6 fan, a Batavia Sports Booster, a NASCAR fan, and loved to  
7 watch his family participate in school sports; and

8           WHEREAS, The passing of Donald W. Clark will be deeply  
9 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,  
10 Margie; his son, John W. (wife, Karol) Clark; his daughters,  
11 Anne (husband, Dave) Leatherberry, Amy Knudsen, Virginia  
12 (husband, Larry) Lorenz, and Jane (husband, Jeff)  
13 Grigg-Hauser; his grandchildren, John D. Clark, Katharine  
14 Clark, James Clark, Jennifer Clark, Elizabeth Leatherberry,  
15 Laura Leatherberry, Esther Knudsen, John Knudsen, IV.,  
16 Maragret Knudsen, and Clark Grigg; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
19 all who knew him, the death of Donald W. Clark of Batavia,  
20 Illinois; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Donald W. Clark with our sincere  
23 condolences.